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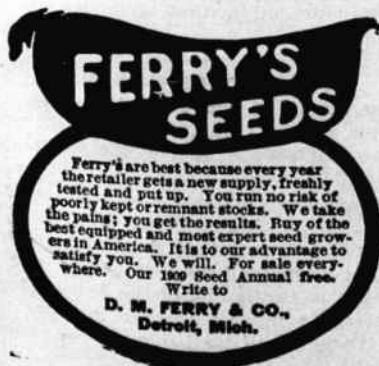
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Temperance

IF PROHIBITION WERE A FAILURE.

Prohibition is not a new experiment. If it were the failure it is claimed to be, then the results would be the worst where they have been longest afflicted, and the most uninviting field of investigation would be the state of Maine, where for fifty-eight years there has not been a legal brewery, distillery or saloon in the entire state.

Who says that prohibition is a failure? The men who do not want it; the man who contributes vast sums of money to defeat it; the men who violate the law, under license and under prohibition; who ship their outlawed traffic over the dry line in disguised packages; false labels and lying bills of lading. These disinterested witnesses are the loudest in proclaiming the failure of the law.

Who says that prohibition is a success? The people who want it; the people who have tried it, lived under it, watched it in operation, compared it with regulation, and vote year after year to retain it because it reduces to a minimum the curse of the saloon.

The same newspapers today which, by reason of pay or policy, denounce local option and every other form of restriction of liquor traffic neutralize daily the effect of their own arguments by being compelled to print the news of the crimes of the previous day.

DRINKS—A SEDUCTIVE PERIL.

The first and most seductive peril, and the destroyer of most young men, is the drinking of liquor. I am no temperance lecturer in disguise, but a man who knows and tells you what observation has proved to him; and I say to you that you are more likely to fail in your career from acquiring the habit of drinking liquor than from all other temptations likely to assail you. You may yield to almost any other temptation and reform—may brace up, and if not recover lost ground, at least remain in the race, and secure and maintain a respectable position. But from the insane thirst for liquor escape is almost impossible. I have known but few exceptions to this rule.—Andrew Carnegie.

WAS IT WELL TO BE A TEETOTALER?

A group of clergymen were discussing the subjects as to whether it was ever right for ministers to drink wine. One said, "I am never asked to take a glass of wine without recalling an incident in my early ministry when I came very near yielding with, as I found out later, fatal results. When I left the seminary, I determined to be, not a temperance man, but a total abstainer. I had been at my first charge only a few months when I was invited to celebrate the eightieth birthday of one of my most honored parishioners. As the champagne was passed around the table, the thought came to me, 'Surely this is one place that I should break my resolution. Will it not look very churlish to refuse to drink the health of this noble woman?' But before the butler reached my plate, I determined to adhere to my usual custom, and simply turned down my

glass. Imagine my joy, a few hours later, when one of the ladies told me that her son, just about to enter college, had told her that day: 'I haven't quite made up my mind about signing the pledge before I leave for Yale. I am just going to let it depend on what Mr. Brown does tonight. If such good man as he takes it, there can be no harm in it.' After a pause, the clergyman added: 'Friends, do you wonder that I never touch it?'—

Marriages

Blanton-Burns.

At the home of the bride's sister, Galveston, Tex., December 17, 1908, by Rev. Jno. V. McCall, of Gainesville, Hon. W. L. Blanton, of Gainesville, and Miss Gertrude Gillett Burns, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Burns, recently of Albany, Tex.

Burgin-Turner.

In the Presbyterian church, near Bentonville, Arkansas, December 20, 1908, Rev. Wm. H. Morrow officiating, Mr. Jesse Burgin and Miss Lilah Turner.

Echols-Rosser.

At Cotton Plant, Arkansas, December 22, 1908, Rev. Wm. H. Morrow, of Springdale, Ark., officiating, Miss Isham V. Echols and Miss Florence Rosser, both of Cotton Plant.

Garnier-Barolin.

At the home of the bride's parents, Cooke, Co., Tex., December 6, 1908, by Rev. J. V. McCall, Mr. Daniel Garnier and Miss Mary Barolin.

Goffigan-Nottingham.

At Milford, Va., at the home of the bride's father, Mr. L. Nottingham, by Rev. W. C. Flournoy, Mr. John Milton Goffigan and Miss Mary G. Nottingham, of Northampton Co., Va.

Hood-Whelpley.

At the home of the bride's father, Covington, La., January 7, 1909, by Rev. J. M. Williams, Mr. William A. Hood and Miss Josephine O. Whelpley.

Horner-Blackwell.

At Vicksburg, Miss., January 6, 1909, by Rev. J. S. Hillhouse, D. D., Mr. Richard Cary Horner and Miss Daphne Jean Blackwell.

Little-Brawner.

At Griffin, Ga., December 9, 1908, by Rev. W. C. Clark, D. D., Mr. Allan Little and Miss Jane Moffett Brawner.

Lyons-Ennis.

Mr. James Frederick Lyons, of Dorchester, and Miss Mary Ennis, were quietly married at the home of the bride's parents, near Pembroke, on the afternoon of December 12.

Snider-McMahan.

In Shidell Presbyterian church, December 31, 1908, by Rev. J. M. Williams, Mr. William Joseph Snider and Miss Mary Louisa McMahan, both of Shidell, Louisiana.

Posey-Uhlmann.

In New Orleans, La., January 5, 1909, by Rev. Dr. George Summey, Mr. James Oliver Posey, of Birmingham, Ala., and Mrs. Marie Bremer Uhlmann, of New Orleans.